



Pastors who Attended BUILD Conference
Cape Town

Concerned Parents Group (CPG)
Highway
KZN
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Appeal to Investigate

Dear Pastors

We write to you humbly with full acknowledgement of your esteemed ministries and high standing as leaders in the Christian community.

We also write with heavy hearts having become aware of your involvement in the BUILD conference with Miki Hardy of CTMI.

We are aware that at least some of you were aware of concerns prior to this event. Our feedback is that, after some investigation (discussions with CTMI leadership?), you believed there was “nothing alarming” emerging from your research.

We want to say that we fully understand this. It took us (and pastors’ fraternal in the Highway area of KZN) over a year before we became aware of “alarm bells”. They always present initially as dynamic, engaging, orthodox, loving and spiritual.

However, as brothers in Christ, we do want to sincerely and humbly appeal to you to at least hear us out by investigating significant evidence carefully. (Similar appeals after the fact in Australia resulted in a Christian radio station conducting a full and independent investigation which resulted in them issuing a public apology for supporting CTMI)

We are fully aware that, if questioned, CTMI leaders would most likely have communicated something along these lines:

- This is a small group of disgruntled parents who are bitter and unforgiving and who do not understand the radical decisions their adult children have taken.
- Their allegations are “lies and persecution”. We have a different view on all CPG allegations.
- Look at all the good work we are doing – many powerful testimonies of changed lives.

In response, we simply want to say:

- **“Small group of disgruntled parents”** Our “Forum” had over 500 members who submitted over 800 posts. A fraudulent land deal for one of their church plants in Waterfall KZN was uncovered by the local community without any involvement of affected parents or ex members. We were informed after the fact. Most of the evangelical pastors across all the denominations in the Highway area of KZN wrote to CTMI leadership appealing for resolution of serious allegations with a mediator of their choice. (There was not even acknowledgement of receipt, but Miki Hardy took a swipe at these pastors on his blog).

A godly brother who is a specialist on cults, Dr Stephan Pretorius, investigated CTMI fully and presented a paper at the international conference of the world’s leading cult research body (ICSA). He also wrote a number of articles for journals. A pastoral therapist, now a pastor in the



UK, has written his master's thesis on CTMI. A respected professor of missions and comparative religion at a prominent and highly regarded evangelical seminary in the USA (SEBTS), Dr Ant Greenham, has analysed CTMI and fully supports us. Trans World Radio (world's leading Christian radio network) investigated CTMI at a very senior level and refused their appeal to broadcast on their network. Before any knowledge of CPG, a discernment ministry expert exposed CTMI after interviewing a pastor on the professional tennis circuit regarding Mary Pierce. This (and so much more) resulted in Carte Blanche flighting an expose in 2010. An award-winning Mauritian journalist (Best in Africa), now head of "Transparency Mauritius", has a mountain of concerning evidence from way before our group's formation. "Openbarings" invited us and CTMI leaders to their TV show investigating cults - currently being reflighted due to popular demand. We did not contact them – they found the Master's thesis and contacted us.

Suffice to say, the weight of evidence is clear. This is way more than a few upset parents.

- **"Lies and Persecution"**. Our desperate appeal from when we first encountered this response over ten years ago to this day has been *"Please engage with us as brothers in Christ should with openness and love and show us where we have lied. This should be easy to do. Then we will repent, apologise publicly and immediately withdraw."* This appeal, the Highway pastors appeal mentioned above, as well as an appeal for engagement from the Director of the Bible Society of South Africa, have all simply been ignored. In addition, we only went public after a whole year of numerous private attempts to secure answers from our family and their leaders. This met with the same silence or blatant *ad hominem* attacks.

Why is this? Why would any falsely accused church not want to clear their name? Especially when the opposition is widespread and public. (Radio exposé in USA and SA; Many press articles in SA & Mauritius; Two TV programs; Journal Articles; International Conference presentations; Master's thesis...etc) Most likely because our allegations have always been carefully researched and verified by witnesses and/or supported by scripture. Lies recorded on Carte Blanche are lies – there is no "different angle" available. Sexual abuse by a leader still in his position, acknowledged in a recording by Miki Hardy, is sexual abuse. Repeated preaching that claims a new and superior gospel while writing off "the church today" is available in black and white on their media for all to hear and see. Highway pastors were told in a meeting *"You are scared of losing people because we have what you do not have – apostolic anointing and revelation"*. Telling pastors all over Africa in conferences that they are weak and lost without Apostolic foundations and therefore should "come under the protection" of CTMI is also available on media for all to hear. Our children have repeated the same mantra to us. Loving Christian families have been torn apart by CTMI members cutting off all contact with their parents. This is not a dream or false allegation. It's a very painful fact. This is not only a typical pattern in all cults, but totally undermines the word of God's high view of family. (We note with gratitude most of your commitment to family in your ministries. Pastor Isaacs, in particular, your article regarding fathers and those in prison is inspiring and moving. Fathers who disappear and neglect their families dishonor God's word and shatter families. What about when children into whom faithful fathers (and mothers) have poured their very lives, disappear and refuse the joy and privilege of interaction with precious children and grandchildren? As Keith Brown mentioned on the recent "Openbarings" – TV programme, *"this is pain worse than death"*)

In terms of **persecution**, is the word of God not clear? Real persecution is opposition to Jesus and the true gospel. We trust that we have NEVER been guilty of this in our raising awareness of CTMI! We have only opposed false doctrine and seriously unbiblical and verified actions. (See first two summary docs in the two pieces here - <https://www.ctmiconcernedparents.com/how-ctmi-depart-from-orthodox-christianity/>)



May we suggest that their response is, ironically, the real persecution. We are standing for biblical truth with the support of many bible loving churches in our area (and now in Cape Town) and around the world. And we are suffering the backlash of our children painfully refusing relationship with us. (Along with accusations of being “diabolical and pathetic pharisees”; “a group bent on evil with propaganda like Goebels”; “why should we engage with pagans who have a veil over their twisted hearts” etc etc.)

- **Look at our good works and changed lives.** Firstly, we have never opposed good things we see. Secondly, we all know that good things and changed lives do not cancel evidence of seriously bad things. Many false religions and crackpot movements claim good things and changed lives. The case study of Jim Jones and the Jonestown cult massacre reveals that this was their defense for years. Defense against a group of “Concerned Parents” who raised red flags early and were berated as being “judgmental” by the wider Christian community.

And so dear Pastors, who truly love the Lord and his infallible word, we prayerfully and passionately request that you take time to fully investigate the truth before further supporting CTMI. Our website www.ctmiconcernedparents.com has much evidence in many documents should you wish to investigate seriously. There is so much information and evidence behind the simple claims in our letter above. We would be available to meet with you at any time should you desire that.

With sincere concern and greetings

Howard Silk (former member of 17 years); **Stephen and Heather Goddard** (parents cut off from their daughter and grandchild); **Keith and Barbara Brown** (Also cut off from son and grandchildren)

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